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WHAT A COLLAPSE!—AN "ABLE SPEECH"

THAT WAS NEVER REALIZED.

The most thorough collapse that has occurred for some time has been the abrupt attempt of Congressman Ladd to exult his wonderful services in connection with the passage of the bill for distributing the Geneva Award. A few days ago the Commercial patronizingly said that Mr. Blaine had injured the cause by his over-earned advocacy, and then gave a large part of the credit of securing the passage of the bill to the eloquence and persuasive logic of Dr. Ladd. Having in some way got a paragraph into the Boston Herald giving the Dr. a "boom" of that kind, the Commercial copied it and said, among other things:

"The Boston Herald of Saturday pays Congressman Ladd the following handsome compliment in connection with the passage of the Geneva Award bill:

"Justice to a hard-working member of Congress requires it to be said that a good deal of credit is due to Representative Ladd of the Geneva Award bill for the passage of the Geneva Award bill."

The speech of Congressman Ladd on the Geneva Award bill is an able contribution to that vexed and somewhat complicated question. We shall print it entire within a few days.

The speech of Hon. Geo. W. Ladd on the Geneva Award bill will be found on the fourth page of this evening's Commercial. It is one of the clearest, if not the closest, expositions of the merits of this question we have yet seen, and is eloquent in the opinion of the Commercial.

Those who are interested in the operations of the Confederate cruisers—the ship-owners of Maine and of New England.

And again last evening it went into an elaborate statement of the benefits that would accrue to the people of this section under the bill and awarded Mr. Ladd more honor for it as follows:

In a recent able speech on the subject, Hon. Geo. W. Ladd, the Representative of the 11th District in Congress, reviewed the situation completely, and gave expression to sentiments which must have their effect in a practical and welcome way upon the distribution of the award, and which, with the previous large amount of hard work done by Mr. Ladd in behalf of Maine ship-owners' rights, have won for him increased respect and high esteem from people of all classes all over the State.

Now comes the Bath Times and collapses the summary and official manner:

"The complimentary notice of Representative Ladd which was copied, by request, from the Boston Herald, and which gave him much credit for his part in securing the passage of the Geneva Award bill, proves a real boomerang, and the Doctor must wish most heartily that his friends would be pleased to let him alone."

The publication of that "pull" has brought out the fact, indisputably, that Dr. Ladd took up part in that discussion, but, on the contrary, was here in Maine when the subject was under consideration and the vote taken.

The speech printed in the Congressional Record, purporting to have been delivered in the House by him, was never, in fact, delivered, but was printed, as many speeches are, under the name of a friend who was present.

The Doctor was at his home in Bangor, when it was the influence of that undelivered speech which caused the House to give the Award bill a passage before the speech was in fact printed, our readers must judge."

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING.

COMMENTS OF THE PRESS ON THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

(Boston Journal.)

The Republican State Convention held at Portland on Tuesday last, was more than public expectation. Maine's next Governor, so far as human agencies can prevail, will be Frederick Robie, of Gorham, and the delegation that will represent Maine in Congress for two years from the 4th of March next will consist of Messrs. Dingley, Jr., of Portland, Nelson, of Bangor, and Seth L. Milliken, of Belfast.

Our State has in ways maintained a high position in Congress, and does so now, despite the death of Ladd and Murch. Senators Frye and Hale, and Representatives Reed, Dingley and Lindsey are conspicuous for their ability, and are a power at the National Capitol.

The age appointment reducing Maine's representation from five to four, has caused the retirement of the latter gentleman; but the two new members, Messrs. Boutelle and Milliken, who will take the places of Ladd and Murch, will bring the delegation up to its former estate, and make it second to none in the national legislature.

Of Mr. Reed's eminence it is not necessary to speak, while few, if any, new members, have done so much for their constituents, or won such distinction, as has Mr. Dingley, in the short time he has served. In the short time he has served, Mr. Dingley and Mr. Milliken are well known as ready and effective speakers and as men of capacity and public spirit for public station. It is hard to see how this ticket could be improved upon. The candidates are not only popular at home, but throughout the State, and they will appeal directly to the people, for our people like to feel they are well represented at the National Capitol, and are desirous of displacing the two men past four years. In this election the Governor is particularly gratifying.

THE THUGGISH MAJORITY FOR ROBBIE.

(Bath Times.)

In the convention which nominated Col. Robie as an index of the sentiment among the Republicans of the State—which we have no doubt it will be elected by 10,000 majority next September.

AN EXCELLENT TICKET.

(Farmington Chronicle.)

Of the candidates, it is not necessary to speak at length. They are all men who have been tried by long acquaintance with worthy positions they are now nominated to fill.

The re-nomination of Messrs. Reed and Dingley was a foregone conclusion from the first. Their ability, leadership and faithfulness make their presence in Congress well nigh indispensable in the case of the Maine delegation.

The nomination of Messrs. Boutelle and Milliken was not a surprise. Both having strong claims and much to recommend them to these offices. Both were candidates two years since, but the unlooked for result of the election gave the places to the Greenbackers Ladd and Murch, respectively. Captain Boutelle was a brave soldier, and was the able editor of the BANGOR WEEKLY COURIER, and was a man of much distinction and a brilliant campaign speaker. Of Mr. Milliken we have some personal knowledge, but the appearance of his own locality is a strong recommendation to the general favor.

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It is a matter of ability, of large acquaintance, of the State, and enjoys a popularity that will aid him at the polls, as it has in the caucuses of the party. The candidates for Congressmen are well known. Hon. Thomas B. Reed is now an acknowledged leader on the floor of the House. Congressman Dingley, although a new member, is rapidly making a mark in Washington, while another declares that he is an able editor and a staunch Republican, and Hon. Seth L. Milliken is a man of conceded ability. The speeches by the Senators Hale and Frye were able and timely expositions of the questions at issue in the pending election, and the cordial approval of the administration of President Arthur, by the senior Senator, was well received by the Convention. The party enters upon the campaign with harmony in its counsel, courage and firmness in its ranks, and popular leaders at the front, and based on "these" facts there is a well grounded expectation of victory at the polls.

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OTHER RELUCTANT COMMENDATION.

(Boston Journal.)

The Congressional nominations were about what was expected. Reed and Dingley have honored themselves and their party, and nobody had the hardihood to oppose them. Mr. Lindsey has been a quiet speaker all over the country. He has the courage of his convictions, and if he lacks discretion—well, who does not? Mr. Milliken is an able editor and a staunch Republican, and Hon. Seth L. Milliken is a man of conceded ability. The speeches by the Senators Hale and Frye were able and timely expositions of the questions at issue in the pending election, and the cordial approval of the administration of President Arthur, by the senior Senator, was well received by the Convention. The party enters upon the campaign with harmony in its counsel, courage and firmness in its ranks, and popular leaders at the front, and based on "these" facts there is a well grounded expectation of victory at the polls.

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